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## **HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY PARK RANGER PLEADS GUILTY TO POSSESSION OF CHILD PORNOGRAPHY**

Tampa, Florida - United States Attorney Robert E. O'Neill today announced Thomas Goins, age 64, of Lithia, Florida, pleaded guilty to possession of child pornography. The maximum penalty Goins faces is 10 years imprisonment, a fine of \$250,000.00, and a life term of supervised release.

According to court documents, the Hillsborough County Department of Professional Responsibility ("HCDPR") contacted the Federal Bureau of Investigation to report an investigation of Goins for possession of child pornography. Goins was employed as a park ranger for Hillsborough County. Goins admitted to an HCDPR representative and law enforcement agents that he possessed child pornography on his home computer. Following a search of the computer equipment, agents found over 200 video files containing child pornography.

The case was investigated by the Innocent Images Task Force of the FBI. The case was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Laurel F. Moore.